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Applicant: Goretta, et al.  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Examiner:

In response to the July 30, 2002 Restriction Requirement in the above-identified matter, the Applicant hereby elects Group II (Claims 7-21) without traverse.

In addition, Applicant cancels without prejudice, claims 1-6 and claims 22-24 designated as Group I and Group III respectively.

At this time, Applicant further elects to prosecute original claims 7-13 (designated as Group IIa by the Examiner). This election is made without traverse.

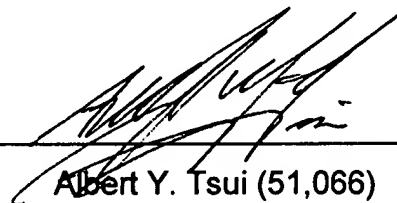
An earnest attempt has been made hereby to respond to the July 30, 2002 Restriction Requirement. Applicant submits that the instant restriction elections now

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places the application in condition for Examination. If the Examiner feels that a telephonic interview will expedite prosecution in this matter, Examiner is respectfully urged to contact the undersigned. Reconsideration and examination of now-elected original claims 7-13 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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